



CENTER FOR EMERGING THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES

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Center for Emerging Threats and Opportunities (CETO)

- CETO is a partnership between the Marine Corps and the Potomac Institute for Policy Studies. It was established in December 2000.
- The Center's mission is to identify emerging non-traditional threats, explore concepts, and determine capabilities and solutions to meet these future challenges.
- CETO will address a broad range of non-traditional threats and will focus on operating force capabilities needed by the Marine Corps and other Armed Services. The center will also seek to improve understanding and cooperation between the Marine Corps and other public and private agencies.
- CETO will perform the following functions and tasks:
 - Research, analysis, and assessment. Conducts research, analysis, and assessment to identify emerging threats, explore concepts, and determine capabilities and solutions.
 - Emerging technology assessment. Special focus will be placed on technology assessment to identify technology solutions to capability shortfalls.
 - Operational support. An ongoing objective will be to support operating forces planning, decision, execution, assessment, and training needs.
 - Communications. CETO will integrate products into combat development experimentation and technology search processes and communicate research results via reports, publishable works, and a web site.
- CETO's initial efforts will be concentrated in five areas: civil affairs/psychological operations, humanitarian assistance, homeland defense, non-lethal weapons policy, and robotics.
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